



Essential Question: How can I simplify radicals using prime factors?

Questions / Big Ideas

**Negative Bases & Radicands with Even and Odd Exponents**

- Negative Bases / Radicands with
  - Even Exponents or Roots: Positive or Imaginary  
ex.  $(-2)^2 = (-2)(-2) = 4$   
ex.  $\sqrt{-2}$ : imaginary
  - Odd Exponents or Roots: Negative  
ex.  $(-2)^3 = (-2)(-2)(-2) = -8$   
ex.  $\sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$

**Simplifying Radicals**

- Sometimes you cannot factor the base into only identical factors.
- Factor the radicand (or base) down to prime factors.
- Factor out ONE factor value for every set equal to the index (root).
- Simplify.
- Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{24^2} &= \sqrt[3]{(2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)^2} = \sqrt[3]{(2^3 \cdot 3)^2} = \sqrt[3]{2^6 \cdot 3^2} = \\ &= \sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} = 2 \cdot 2 \sqrt[3]{9} = 4 \sqrt[3]{9} = 4 \cdot 9^{\frac{1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

**Guided Practice**

1. Simplify the following radical expression:

$$\sqrt{200x^3}$$

2. Simplify the following radical expression:

$$\sqrt[3]{243m^4n}$$

**Questions / Big Ideas**3. Simplify  $\sqrt[3]{-27a^5}$ **Perfect Squares**

$1^2 = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$

$\sqrt{1} = 1$

$2^2 = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$

$\sqrt{4} = 2$

$3^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 3$

$4^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 4$

$5^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 5$

$6^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 6$

$7^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 7$

$8^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 8$

$9^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 9$

$10^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 10$

$11^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 11$

$12^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 12$

$13^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 13$

$14^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 14$

$15^2 =$

$\sqrt{\quad} = 15$

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